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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

LAWSON reported to have recruited his wife SUE into the Communist Party (CP) in 1936. Also recruited T-5 into the CP in 1938. On 3/14/56 ALBERT GLASSER, musician and composer, and his wife KATHERINE recalled LAWSON as an important figure in the CP in 1943 when the GLASSERS were members. [LAWSON recently expressed himself as feeling that the actions of the USSR in all cases cannot be completely defended.] During 1955 LAWSON (C)(u) has been reported connected with a number of Communist-dominated organizations, including California Emergency Defense Committee, American-Russian Institute, and the Hollywood Arts, Sciences and Professions Council. He was the foremost policy-making figure in the last-named organization until it dissolved in 1/56. (C)(u) It was LAWSON who drafted the HASP statement announcing its dissolution. [The last public function of the HASP of any importance was a testimonial dinner honoring LAWSON which was held at Los Angeles on 11/12/55.] (C)(u)

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(u) T-1, LA-3512-S	Thumbnail HASP	1/4/56	MARCUS M. BRIGHT	100-18355
	HASP Executive Board meeting, 8/16/55	8/26/55	"	134-115A
	ASP correspondence	9/26/55	"	134-115B-286, 289
	HASP testimonial dinner	9/26/55	"	134-115A-724
	LAWSON in New York, 9/55	10/4/55	"	" -700, 701, 702
	HASP dinner for LAWSON	10/26/55 11/2/55	"	134-115A-724
	HASP Executive Board meeting, 12/13/55	12/7/55	"	" -751
	HASP Executive Board meeting 12/14/55	12/22/55	JOHN S. TEMPLE	" -753
	HASP dissolution	1/6/56	MARCUS M. BRIGHT	Orally
	CEDC letter, 12/12/55	12/29/55	ELLIOTT W. AMON	134-115B-303
T-2, LA-3402-S	11/12/55	11/15/55	CLAUDE E. WILLIS, Jr.	134-21A-570
(u) (u)	HASP dissolution	1/6/56	"	Instant file

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T-2 (con't)	Residence and employment	4/25/56	CLAUDE E. WILLIS, Jr.	134-21A] (Q)(u)
	Recent LAWSON statements	4/16/56	"	"] (Q)(u)
T-3, CS LA-3661-S	11/12/55	11/16/55	CS LA-3184-S to SE EVERETT M. DuCHARME	134-302A-359
T-4, CS LA-3200-S	[Re SARAJO LORD	5/25/47	JACK S. KEMPTON, et al	100-23933-A1] (Q)(u)
T-5, SANORA BABB HOWE, 1562 Queens Road, Los Angeles, member CP, 1938-45, whose identity is concealed by request	1938	4/18/56	CLAUDE WILLIS, et al	100-20293
T-6, CS LA-3824-S*	[Photographic copies CP documents	3/1/55	JOHN KEANE et al	134-696-1B10, vol. 8, p. 705, 707, 710, 711, 713, 715] (Q)(u)
T-7, ABRAHAM LIEBERMAN, wa. Abe Davis, 610 Monroe Road, Long Beach, New York; member of CP, New York, early 1930's - 1942, and from 1945- 1950. Identity concealed by request.	LAWSON's position re CP for the US	8/2/55	ARNOLD L. PARHAM, et al	NY 100-67469; LA 100-21198-1581
T-8, LA-3762-S	CEDC letter, 12/12/55	2/28/56	ALBERT N. CARLBLOM	134-374B-114

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T-9	Anonymous	11/4/55		(100-23603-1B11(1), Vol.2, p.73-74)
(u) T-10, LA-3507-S	LAWSON and CRC	7/25/55	JOHN K. ANDERSON	134-121A-273](C)(u)
(u) T-11, LA-2954-S	Thumbnail May Day Committee	4/21/55	H. RAWLINS OVERTON	100-1763](C)(u)
	Documentation WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN and BEN DOBBS	4/27/56	"	Instant case](C)(u)
T-12, former LA-3685-S,	May Day rally, 5/1/55	5/6/55	CLIFFORD PUCKETT	134-306A-209
KATHLEEN HART STOCKWELL, Topanga, California, identity concealed by request				
(u) T-13, CS LA-3919-S*	Photographic copies of CP documents	11/9/55	AL FREI et al	134-866-1B1- p.837,844](C)(u)
(u) T-14, CS LA-3760-S*	"	1/31/56	LEO BAILEY et al	134-534-1B7, p.75](C)(u)
(u) T-15, LA-2557-S	11/3/55	11/3/55	GEORGE D. WATT	---](C)(u)

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